GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1463
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LANGUAGES IN UPSC EXAMINATIONS
DUKHA BHAGAT;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the languages included in the eighth schedule of the constitution of India through a resolution passed by the Parliament have been made applicable only in respect of civil services examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for which the said resolution has not been implemented so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b)&(c): The Official Language Resolution, 1968 passed by both the Houses of Parliament, inter-alia resolved that all the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution and English shall be permitted as alternative medium for the All India and higher Central Services Examinations, after ascertaining the views of the UPSC on the future scheme of the examinations, the procedural aspects and the timing. In pursuance of the Resolution, the option to write answers in any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India has been extended only in the Civil Services (Main) Examination conducted by UPSC The question of extension of this facility to other examinations conducted by UPSC is under consideration of the Government on the basis of the recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee.

In view of the importance and sensitivity of the matter and divergent views on the subject, Government`s endeavour is to seek a consensus and evolve a nationally acceptable policy after holding wider consultation with the State Governments and others concerned, efforts for which are on.